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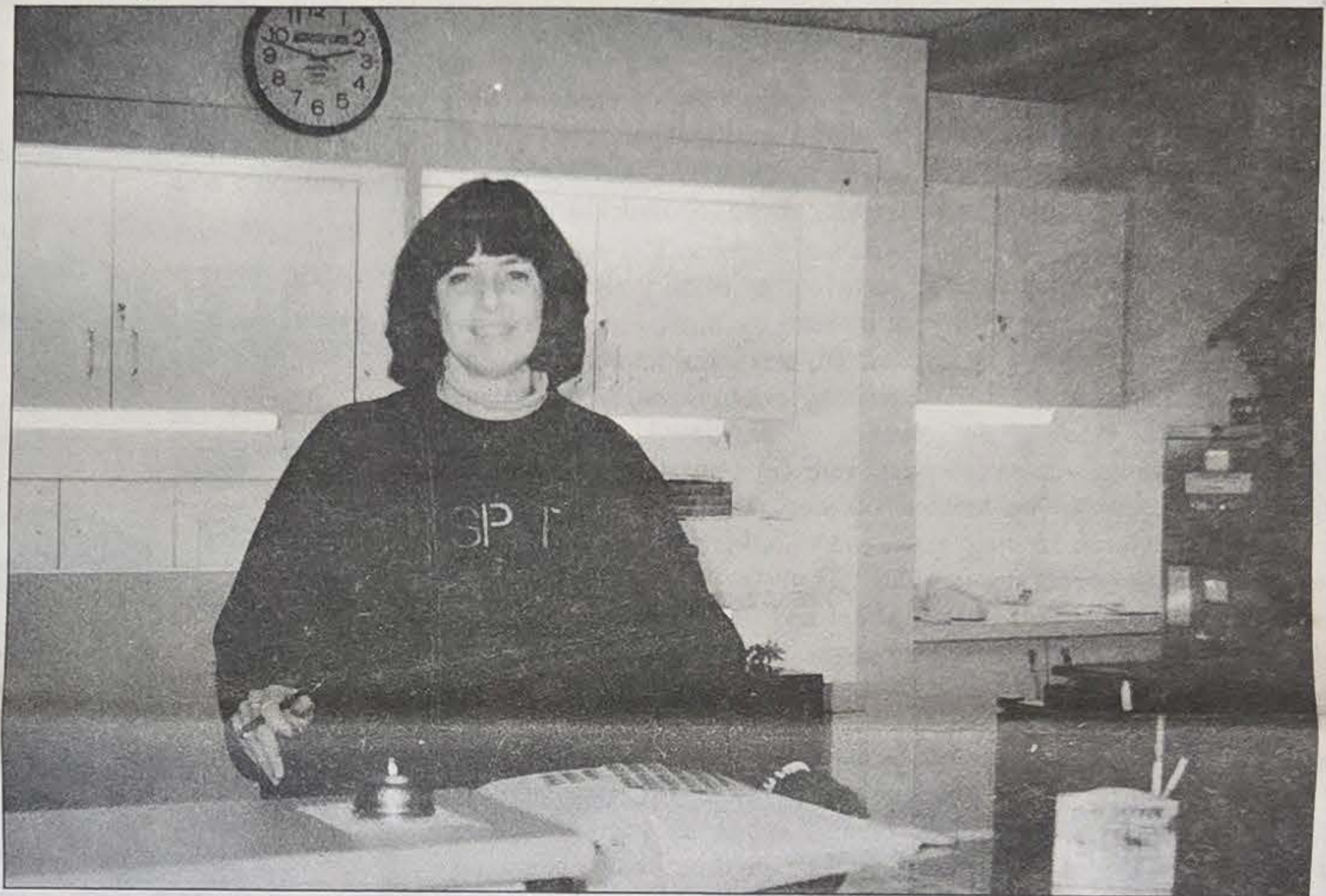
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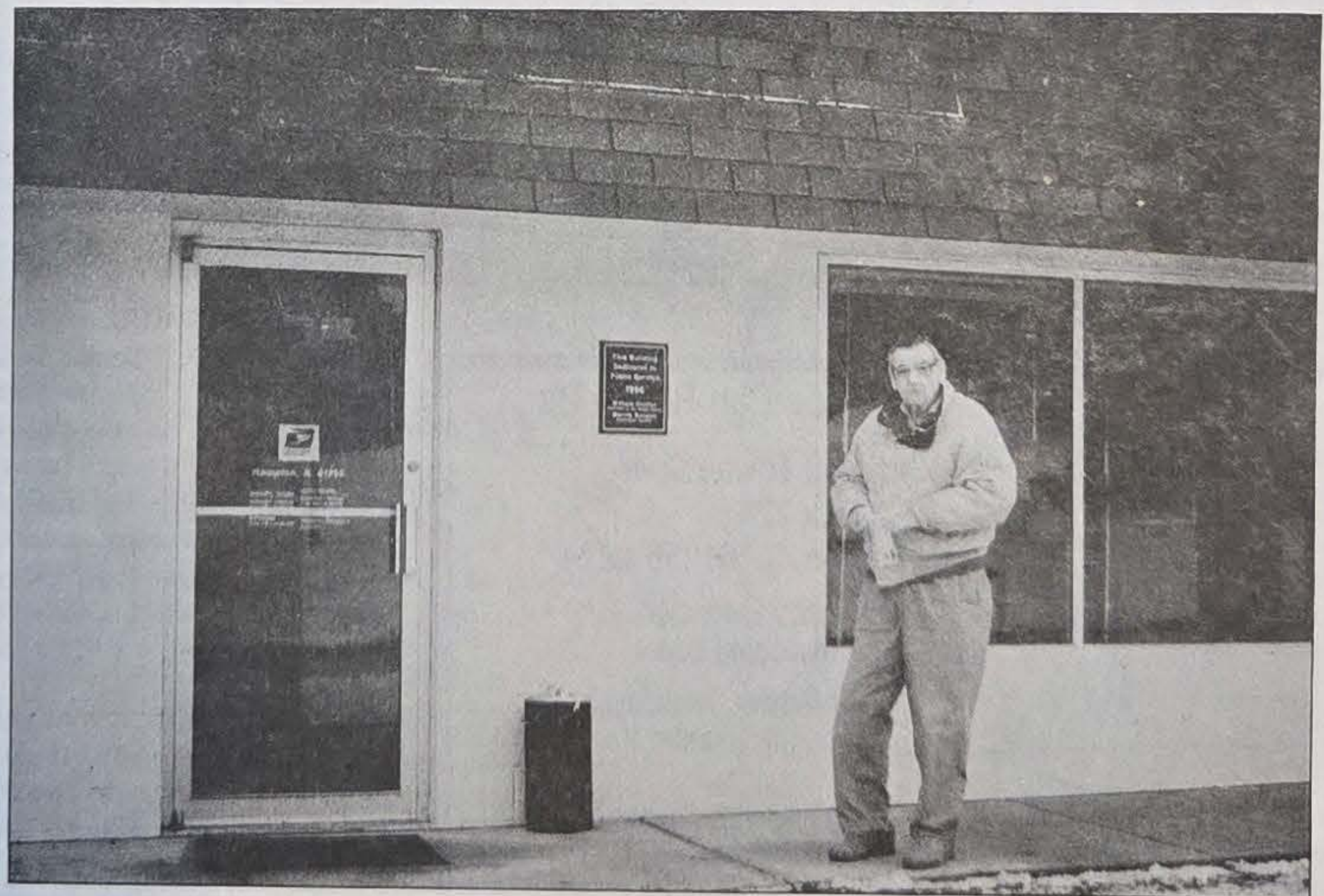
Post Office Move Completed Residents Adjusting To New Location

By Tamara Laud

The Hampton Post Office moved to its new location at 625 8th Street, on February 13. The building formerly housed the J-Mart Convenient Store. The new phone number for the Post Office is 496-3300. The outside lobby extended hours are from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM. There is a new outside collection box located by the one-way entrance to the parking lot (entering from the east off Hubbard Road). It is a drive up style box so patrons will be able to drop off their mail (both Hampton and out of town) without getting out of their vehicles. An open house is being planned soon. We hope everyone will come down to see our new home.



Above: In the new Post Office, Chris Duncan, Postmaster Relief, adds postage to a package to be mailed. Below: Bob Jacques, Hampton looks up as he enters the new Hampton Post Office. (Photos by M. VanDieren)



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An Ounce Of Prevention Is Worth A Pound Of Cure

By Craig Gelande
Community Services Officer

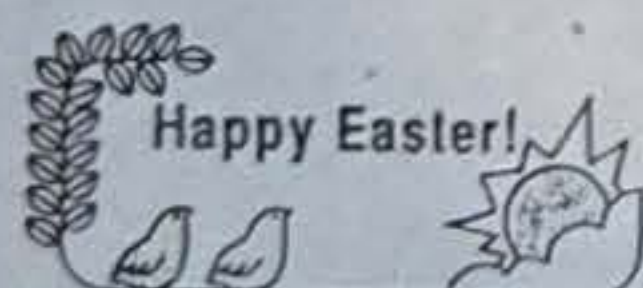
Many people believe it can't happen to them. But eventually it can happen to you. What can happen to you is theft. Theft can occur anywhere at anytime, and does not only include somebody breaking into your house, it could be from your car, your yard, or even your person. This month we're going to concentrate on what you can do to protect your house.

One of the first things you can do is check your locks. Are they locked, even when you make a quick trip to the store? About 50 percent of burglars enter through unlocked doors and windows! A good deadbolt lock is also important, but make sure it can't be reached by breaking glass or door panels. Sliding glass doors should also be secured, either with a commercially available lock or a wooden dowel placed in the track. An easy and inexpensive wooden dowel is a broom stick.

There are also several inexpensive and easy preventive measures you can take on the outside. Trim back trees or bushes that hide doors and windows. Also make sure all porches, entrances, and yards are well-lighted. Motion lights do an excellent job of this. By doing this you take away a thief's best tool, concealment. Don't hide a spare key in mailboxes, planters, under rocks, or under doormats. This is one of the first places they look.

It is also important to keep an inventory of all your valuables. This will not only aid you with your insurance claims, but it also aids the police. By knowing the make, model, and serial number the item can be entered into a statewide computer network as being stolen. This will make locating the owners of recovered items easier. Numerous items are recovered each year by police departments in which a owner cannot be located because they don't have all the information. Pictures or video tapes can also be important, and show exactly what the items looks like. **For your convenience an "Inventory of Household Items" sheet has been inserted into this month's Town Crier.** Please take some time and write down the information for items such as televisions, stereos, firearms, etc. Then make a copy and keep one where you can access it and another in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box.

Probably the most important preventive tip is neighbors getting together and watching out for each other. Get to know them and their schedules, and report to the police anything that appears out of the ordinary. I am now in the process of recruiting volunteers to be block leaders for their Neighborhood Watch. Block leaders are responsible for coordinating activities on their block. Each block needs one to two leaders, and is essential for the neighborhood watch to be started on your block. If you want to help yourself and your neighbors by being a block leader, or want more information on the neighborhood watch, please contact me at 496-9123.



How You Can Reach Us . .

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Village Board News

The proposed street that the Board has been referring to as "10th Street" will officially be named 9th Street once the road is completed.

Mosley is making changes to the roadway and drainage of the new road, but the Board needs Mosley to agree to pay for extra cost before they approve changes.

There was a request from US Sprint to place a 100 foot tower for cellular phone and pager service on the village property on top of the hill. The Board will review this request.

Hampton garbage collection will begin at 7:00a.m. every Friday.

The Board approved \$1800.00 to replace 2 doors at the Village Hall.

The Board approved the purchase of a new copier for the Police Department.

The Board approved for K-9 Bo to be given to Officer Barrett.

The Board approved the purchase of two bullet proof vests for the Police Department.

The Corps of Engineers will pay Hampton for Police patrol of the camping area.

Part Time Park Worker



The Village of Hampton is looking for an energetic person to work in the parks this summer. Duties will include mowing, trimming trees and bushes, and landscaping. Experience or knowledge with design and materials used in landscaping helpful. An excellent opportunity for a college student with this background. Interested persons should call 755-7165.



Gerard Selected As Outstanding Young Man

Guy Gerard, grandson in law of Charles and Val Weiss has been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. The OYMA program honors young men and women who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities. **Congratulations Guy!**

Decorated

1LT James M. Beals was awarded the **Meritorious Service Metal** on December 10, 1996 at FT. Hood, Texas. The medal, which is the highest peacetime achievement award, was given for his exemplary performance as Facilities Engineer for the 1st Cavalry Division.

1LT Beals, son of Marshall and Roberta Beals, Hampton graduated from Hampton Grade School in 1985, was a 1989 graduate of United Township High School and a 1993 graduate of West Point United States Military Academy.

In Grateful Appreciation

Thank You for all the good wishes, prayers and gifts. I appreciate all of the support I received.

Mrs. Rose Ellen Fulscher

HYC NEWS

by Shelley Smart

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time to start thinking about softball! The Hampton Youth Committee has scheduled sign-up for Saturday, March 22, from 2:00p.m. to 4:30p.m. at the school. Any boy or girl from age 6 through high school senior may play. The cost is \$13.00; \$4.00 for HYC membership and \$9.00 for softball. Insurance will also be offered at low cost. Any new member will need to bring a copy of his/her birth certificate for out files. Flyers will be sent home with your grade school children to remind you as the date for sign-up approaches. HYC Coed Softball is strictly for fun, so we hope to see lot of you at sign-up!

The HYC Spring Dance will be held Friday, March 21st from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. at the school. Anyone in grades 5th - 8th may attend. Admission will be \$1.00, and we will be selling chips, nachos, and pop.

HYC will be selling Scholarship Raffle tickets for \$1.00 each throughout March and April. Each year HYC awards a \$700.00 Scholarship to a graduating Hampton Senior, and any money collected goes toward this. The raffle drawing will be held on May 1st with prizes of \$50.00 for 1st Place, and \$25.00 for 2nd and 3rd Places. Please support this great project!

The HYC Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 29 at 1:00p.m. at Illiniwek Park, below the sledding hill. Any preschool age through 4th grade child is welcome to come and join the fun. We will have candy and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Hope to see you there!

PTA News

Thank You!

Thank you for the Valentine Parties, and for the help at Cultural Arts Day!

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 1997 at 6:30p.m. The next project success meeting will be held on March 10, 1997 at 7:30p.m. in the music room.

Spelling Bee is March 12, at 7:00p.m. at Hampton School. Thanks to all who volunteered to provide refreshments!

March Hot Lunch

March 12/ Tacos or Hot Dogs, Corn and Applesauce.

March 26/ Fish Sticks or Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes & FruitCocktail

St. Mary's Catholic Church News

by S.D. Samalon

On Sunday, March 16th, the 3rd and 4th grade classes taught by Kathy Nino will participate in the 8:00a.m. Children's Mass.

During Lent, following each Friday night service (Mass and Stations of the Cross), a soup supper will be served in the Church Hall. The two choices of delicious homemade soups are prepared by volunteer church women. Everyone is welcome at these suppers - there is no charge.

Hampton Students Will Attend School On Good Friday

The Hampton School Board decided to leave the 1996-97 calendar as is and have students attend on Good Friday this year. The board also examined calendar drafts for the 97-98 and 98-99 school years from UTHS. In Other Business, the board approved a motion to bring in an architect to draw and design the renovations to the kitchen. The board secured Gorenz & Associates as the schools auditors for the next two years at a cost not to exceed \$3,195 in 97-98 and \$3,295 in 98-99. The board approved Dr. Paquettes request to explore and research the possibilities of getting a new copier, and to move forward on repairing some life, health, safety issues. Lastly the board has been asked to form a panel for next November's Illinois Association of School Boards meeting in Chicago to share the technology plan that was implemented last year.

Hampton Youth Committee Summer Youth Softball Program Sign-Up

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Adult Fellowship presents
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March 1, 1997 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Hampton Grade School Gym

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Hot Dogs, vegies, sundae. Soda
Pop and coffee provided

Baby-sitting available
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Federal Court Orders Insurance Company To Pay After Fire

By Michaela VanDieren

John Ademi, owner of Addante's Pizzeria, has been awarded insurance proceeds from the insurance policy with Capitol Indemnity. A fire occurred on October 4, 1993, destroying the building. The insurance company was not willing to pay until legal action

was pursued. The jury reached a verdict in late December in Judge Michael Mihm's Federal Court. "We the jury find for the plaintiff and against the defendants."

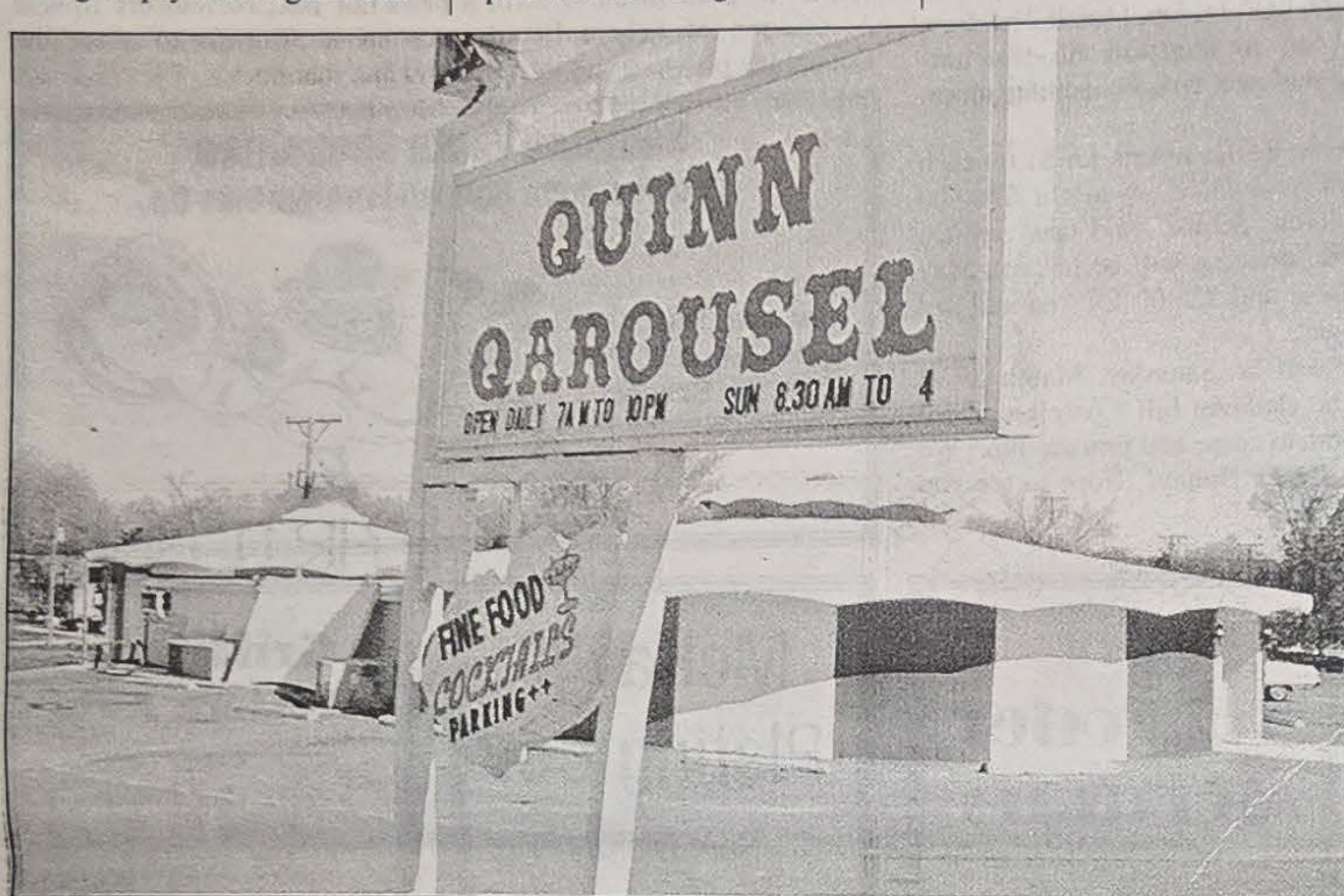
Mr. Ademi used the settlement to pay his attorney's fees for the litigation. He also paid the remaining balance of

the contract for purchase to James Quinn. The deed has been issued to Ademi for the property. At this time, no decision has been made regarding the rebuilding of the restaurant. Mr. Ademi operates another restaurant in Oswego, Illinois.

Committee Searches For Host Families

The PTA Fine Arts committee and Hampton school are searching for a family or families interested in hosting a Japanese Cultural Resource Volunteer for a period of 1 month next fall. The school is applying for this Resource Person through the STEP program (Sowing Together for Earthly Peace). If we are granted this person, they will introduce different aspects of the Japanese Culture to our students.

If we qualify for this program our school will pay absolutely nothing. The Japanese Resource Person will pay a \$200 stipend to the host family. All Resource Persons are thoroughly trained and carefully screened. They also go through an intensive English program. We need interested parties to contact Mr. Mark Bressler at Hampton School (755-0693) by March 14th. You do not have to be a parent of a student attending Hampton school, you just need to provide a private room and meals for the resource volunteer. This is a unique opportunity to enrich our children's knowledge of the global community, and we hope you can help.



Above: The Quinns had operated Quinn Qarousel restaurant in the building for six years. The building sold on contract to Ademi and became Addante's Pizzeria. **Below:** On the morning of October 4, 1993, those passing by on Route 84 witnessed this scene as fire destroyed Addante's Pizzeria. (Photos by M. VanDieren)



Hampton Mini Storage Run By Wright Family

By Michaela VanDieren

Hampton Mini-Storage, located on IL. Rt. 84 in the north part of Hampton, contains sixty units of varying sizes. The business, owned and operated by Ken and Margo Wright, has been open three years. The business is truly a family affair with daughter Jenn, keeping the books and son Jack, doing the maintenance, lawn mowing and weeding. Ken believes the work experience is good for his children. The Wrights prepared the site, hired the construction, and they added the security lights. In addition to Hampton's Mini-Storage, the Wrights own the fifteen unit East Moline Mini-Storage. Ken Wright has been a Hampton resident for twenty-three years. He works full-time as a senior manufacturing engineer for Caterpillar, Peoria.



Hampton Mini-Storage, located in the 600 block on IL. Route 84 contains sixty units. (Photo by M. VanDieren)

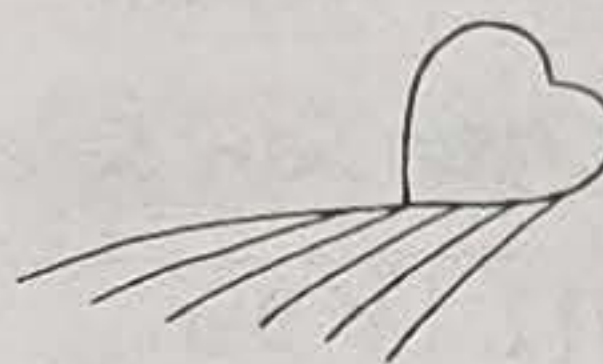


St. Patrick's Day March 17

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is not only a national holiday in Ireland, it is a religious holiday as well. People attend religious services and enjoy community and family gatherings. St. Patrick was a missionary and used the shamrock to explain the idea of the Trinity to the people of Ireland.

St. Patrick's Day is also celebrated outside of Ireland, especially in cities where there is a large number of people who are from Irish decent. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was in 1737. These are usually non-religious celebrations. People wear green clothing and march in parades. New York City hosts the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

There are many biographies about St. Patrick, as well as stories about leprechaun's, shillelagh's and shamrock's. Two favorites are "St. Patrick's Day In the Morning," by Eve Bunting, and "Leprechaun's Never Lie" by Balian.



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 4 - Happy Anniversary to **Mike and Martha Halston** of Chicago! Martha's parents are Jane and Rocky Nelson of Hampton.

March 5 - Happy Birthday to **Stacey Graham!** "Jack Benny doesn't have anything on you!" Love, Dad and Mom.

March 10 - Happy Birthday to **Pat Marr** of Hampton!

March 15 - Happy Anniversary to **Merlin Jr. and Jennifer Nelson** of Hampton!

March 17 - Happy Birthday to **Michaela VanDieren** from the Crier Staff.

March 18 - Happy Anniversary to **Myron and Melinda Ericson** of Chicago! Melinda's parents are Jane and Rocky Nelson of Hampton.

March 18 - Happy Birthday to **Charles "Chip" J. Weiss!** Love, Dad and Mom.

March 19 - Happy Birthday to **Claire Ellen Coder** of Flagstaff, AZ! Parents are Marcel and Christopher Coder. Grandparents are Bev and Jack Coder.

March 30 - Happy Birthday to **George Fellows** from the in-laws.

Hampton Fire Rescue News

Pancake Breakfast

Hampton Fire Rescue would like to invite you to our annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 24th at 7 to 11 am. Come on down and enjoy some good 'ole fire department cooking made by your own department members. Relish all you can eat pancakes, sausage and biscuits and gravy. Bring the kids and show them your communities finest pieces of fire equipment before or after you eat. Firefighters will be selling tickets door to door on Tuesday, March 11th between 7 and 9pm. Tickets are also available at the door the day of the pancake breakfast. Hope to see you there.

History Books Ordered

The History Book committee would like to inform you that the history books have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive sometime in the middle of June. The book is in it's 1st stage and has been sent to the publishers. Remember it's not too late! If you have not ordered a book and still would like to, please call Keith Ward or Julie Christenson to reserve yourself a copy. Extra copies are available when they arrive so you have plenty of time to get yourself one. Any questions about your order please feel free to call the history book committee at any time.



Thanks!

Hampton Fire Rescue would like to thank all this winter season for everyone's safe driving. The Village of Hampton had minimal amount of weather related accidents and would like to thank everyone for this safe driving season.

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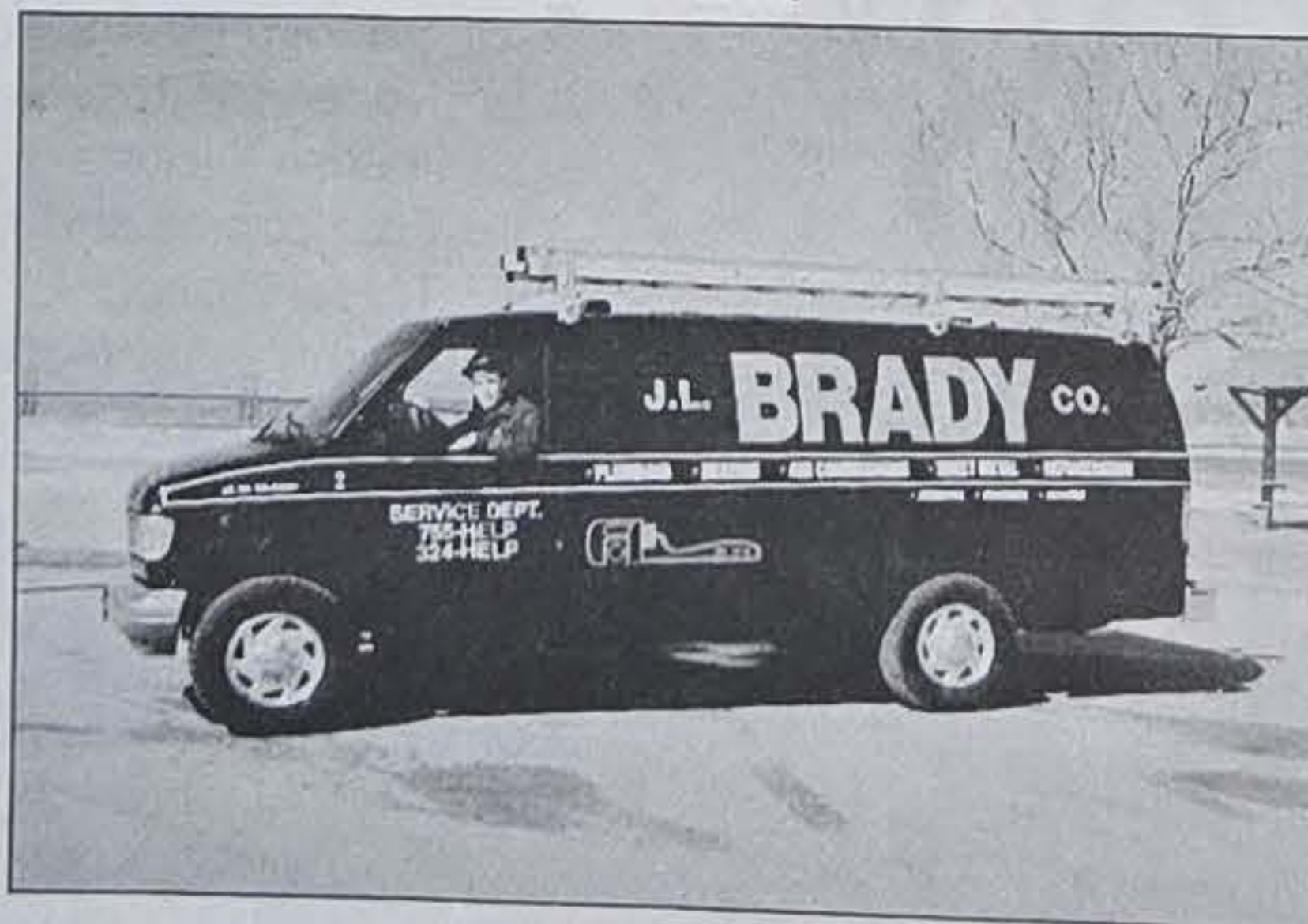


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PTA Sponsors Fine Arts Festival

By Allison Shoger & Mariah Hofstetter

On February 6, 1997 the PTA sponsored a Fine Arts Day at Hampton School. Many different artists came. They did classes for all the grades from 9:00 to 1:30. The artists that took part in our festival are listed below.

Rose Mohr-(K)-Dinosaur sculpture
 Rae Benzon-(K,1,2)-Safari
 Kathy Lafrenz-(K-5)-Theatre
 Kitty McAndrews-(1,2)-American Indian Shields
 (5)-Kaledioscopes and Optical Illusions
 Glenn Boyles-(3,4)-Clay Puppets
 Deb Peterson-(1,4)-Pattern Resist
 Bob and Laverne Simonis-(1-8)-Line, Square, and General dancing
 Tom Walljasper-(6-8)-theatre
 Fran Wheeler-(6)-oil painting
 Leo Kelly-(7)-cartooning
 Lori Willhouse-(2,3)-Sign Language
 Lyle and Mark Bressler-(8)-Tile Mosaics

The United Township Fine Arts Caravan performed at 1:30. They brought various groups from their Fine Arts Department. They brought parts of their band, chorus, theatre, speech, dance, and art work.

New Technology In Hampton School

By Justin Miller

Hampton school has been doing many things to get students used to the technology that is now required in the work force today. The school has made a massive purchase of pentium computer systems. Each room has at least one teacher computer, along with as many as four new student computers. All the computers work together on a school-wide network which includes internet access, word processing programs, drawing programs, and many other programs. The network also includes a school-wide mailing system in which teachers and students can communicate with each other.

The new computers are still being explored by both the students and the teachers. Some teachers are providing basic knowledge and understanding of how to use the computers to do what you want them to. On the other hand some students are also doing the same for the teachers. At the present time, some teachers are allowing supervised internet access to the students.

This new technology should be of benefit to both students and staff. The school's collection of computers, software, and other technological devices should continue to grow throughout the future. These devices should help Hampton graduates to be more successful in academic studies, and in the struggle for a job in today's market.

Hampton Historical Society Applies For Award

by Rocky Nelson

The Illinois State Historical Society, Association of Illinois Museums and Historical Societies hold a competition annually for achievement in the field. The categories for awards are as follows: **Publications:** A-Scholarly, B-Other; **Public Programming:** A-Multimedia Productions, B-Exhibitions, C-Education Programs; **Printed Materials:** A-Ongoing/Periodical, B- Special Projects; **Preservation Projects:** A-Historical Structures/Sites, B-Collections. **Special Projects** - a one time project developed and implemented to achieve a specific purpose.

Friend of History to an individual for sustained and varied contributions to state and local history.

Malkovich Award for outstanding accomplishment of a full time museum professional under the age of 30.

Hampton Historical Society is submitting an application in the Historic Structure category under Preservation Projects. The Society succeeded in restoring the 1849 vintage elevator in Brettun and Black Store and Museum to a working condition, mainly through the efforts of Restoration Specialist Ron Nelson of Galesburg. He was helped by a great many Society members and friends in the community. We feel the project was interesting, historically significant, and unusual.

There are two awards in each category: Superior Achievement- recognizing achievement that serves as a model for the profession; and a Certificate of Excellence- recognizing work of exemplary quality, showing creativity, serious scholarship, and/or efficient utilization of resources.

The applicant must submit a 100 word abstract for nomination, and a 500 word narrative on the project with supporting evidence in the form of brochures, publications, news clippings, photos, audiovisuals, etc. In the last named, we have a 2 minute photo-essay on our restoration by Jim King of WQAD TV 8. Awards will be presented on May 17, 1997. Wish us luck!



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Jamin' With Jane

by Jane Nelson

Well, we must keep marching on into March. After all the holidays, I always have a little let down. However, March does bring Easter this year on the last Sunday of the month. I hope to plant some herb seed I purchased on our trip this past fall, so cross your fingers and hope April brings Spring at last.

I shall be very busy in March since my helper at Sylvan is going back to school at Palmer to get a second degree. Because of that, I will be back to working three days a week - sometimes four. (It will help me to save money for a short trip we are taking to Gettysburg the last of June. Rock joined the Civil War Round Table where we got the news of the trip). Also, three of my children have wedding anniversaries in March; Mindy, Martha, and Merlin. In April, my family has four birthdays.

No word from anyone on what you would like to see written about this month, so here I go out on my own again. I have accumulated many recipes for diabetics; I will share a few. I have a new cookbook called, "Great Recipes For You and Your Family," published by Oxmoor House. It is printed under the trademark of the American Diabetes Association, and the recipes are all copyrighted. One is similar to a Layered Bean Dip of mine. The one in the cookbook is called Southwestern Spread. I've made a few changes and call it Layered South of the Border (see recipe at end of this column).

I also get a great newsletter from "Equal." If you would like a newsletter sent to you, write a note to: "All Things Equal" Newsletter, P.O. Box 2986, Chicago, IL 60654-0986, or call 1-800-323-5316. You will receive 4 -5 recipes, several coupons, and some of the latest tips for using Equal. There is also a short survey to fill out. The copy I have is from Oct., Nov., & Dec., and includes the following recipes: Fruit Baked Apple, Pumpkin Spice Drops, Maple Glazed Potatoes, Fresh Cranberry Relish, Spiced Fruit Butter, and Holiday Pumpkin Bread. I have included the Fruit Baked Apple recipe (see end of column), as you can find great buys on apples this month.

Layered South of the Border Spread

*Note: You can make your own pita chips, as I've mentioned in previous Towne Crier issues. Cut them into wedges and bake at 350 degrees for 7-9 minutes or until crisp and golden. I sprinkle with chili powder, pepper, and cumin. Spray first with "I Can't Believe It's Not Real Butter." Two chips per serving contain 8 calories. You can buy low caloric baked chips that are a lot less work.

- 1 can no fat refried beans
- 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. of shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 C. 1% cottage cheese or yogurt
- 1 (4 1/2 oz.) chopped green chiles - drained
- 2 T. reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic pressed

- 1 C. shredded lettuce
- 1 C. chopped seeded tomatoes
- 1/2 C. chopped green onion (optional)
- 1 can sliced black olives (optional)

Spread refried beans in a 9 in. quiche dish. Combine the next 5 ingredients in a medium bowl and stir well. Spread over the bean dip and bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 20 minutes or until bubbly. Let cool for 15 minutes or so (cool enough so that the lettuce won't wilt when added).

Arrange chopped tomato around edge of the dish, leaving a 1 in. border. Arrange lettuce next to the tomato, forming a ring. Then, arrange the onions and put the olives in the middle. Serve with chips. Makes about 10 servings.

Microwave instructions: Prepare beans and cheese mixture as directed. Cover with heavy duty plastic wrap. Cook on High 4 - 6 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Continue as directed.

Exchanges: 1 Med. Fat Meat, 1 Veg., Calories 98, Fat 5.6g.

Fruit Baked Apples

- 3 1/2 t. Equal Measure, 12 packet Equal sweetener, or 1/2 C. Equal Spoonful
- 1 T. cornstarch
- pinch of cinnamon and any other desired spice (nutmeg, allspice, cloves)
- 2 C. apple cider or juice
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) dried mixed fruit - chopped
- 1 T. margarine
- 8 tart baking apples (Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, or Russets)

Combine Equal, cornstarch, and spices in medium saucepan; stir in cider. Add dried fruit; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered until fruit is tender and cider mixture is reduced to about 1 cup (10 to 15 minutes). Add margarine and stir until melted. Remove cores from apples, cutting but not through bottoms. Peel 1 in. around top. Place apples in a greased baking pan. Fill centers with fruit, spoon remaining cider mixture over apples. Bake uncovered in preheated 350 degree oven until fork tender (about 45 minutes). Makes 8 servings: 176 Calories, 2g Fat. Food Exchanges 2 1/2 Fruit, 1/2 Fat.



Meet A Teacher

Mrs. Ryerson

by Thomas Tapia

Mrs. Ryerson has been teaching first grade for three years. Before that she taught kindergarten and was a substitute. She went to Western Illinois University. She enjoys working with children. She has two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Wallace

by Andy Mann

Mrs. Wallace has been teaching at Hampton School for three years. She went to college at Blackhawk and Western Illinois University. She is getting her Masters degree. She loves teaching and loves her class. She is married to Ted Wallace. She is planning on having kids. Her hobbies are jazzercise and painting sweatshirts.

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM APPROVED

By Ron Paquette

At the February Board of Education meeting approval for both a short term and long rang plan to implement a school lunch program on-site was given to Lunchroom Coordinator, Tina Rideout. Based on the temporary license given by the health department, the kitchen facilities will improved by adding a three-well sink, hand sink, separate refrigeration for staff, separate accommodations for staff to eat, and some cooking equipment as well as serving equipment. Students will be served on paper trays until a more permanent solution can be purchased. Meals will be served starting Tuesday, March 4, 1997. The PTA and Methodist will continue to serve meals on alternating Wednesdays. The cost of the school lunch will be \$1.50 with milk included. Milk will be sold separately for .25 cents. Applications have been sent home to survey if families qualify for free or reduced meals. All families who applied at the start of school will have to fill out a new application and furnish proof of income.

Lunch tickets will be sold every Monday. They will have 10 punches. A similar ticket will be used for Milk. The lunchroom coordinator will be available every day to sell individual tickets between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen. Parents are encouraged to purchase tickets for their child in advance to avoid unnecessary delays and work in collection. No charging lunch will be allowed. Please ensure that your child has lunch monies to buy tickets on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the homeroom class. Parents who wish to volunteer to work lunch as a server or ticket taker will be provided with a free lunch for themselves and their children. Please contact the superintendent or lunchroom coordinator if you would like to work.

The Illinois Association of School Board holds an annual conference in Chicago in November. Hampton School was invited to give a Share the Success Panel Presentation. This presentation will center around the implementation of computers in the classroom and the use of the School Vista software , that makes the classroom into a virtual electronic classroom.

The Board again discussed the decision to have an early release day on Good Friday. The state changed the law making it a local decision to give this day off. The Board after much consideration decided to keep this a school day.

PTA Will Sponsor Hampton Spelling Bee

By Ron Paquette

The school PTA Spelling Bee Coordinator, Sue Wright , is making all the necessary arrangements to host this years Bee on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. The top four student spellers from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will field a team of sixteen students from Hampton School that will compete against students from Aldrin Junior High School in Barstow. The words that are selected for this Bee is put in a small booklet for each student to get a copy.

The PTA will fund the prizes for the Spelling Bee winners. First place will receive a \$100 Savings Bond. Second place will receive a \$50 Savings Bond. Everyone else receives a \$5.00 gift certificate to Whitties or MacDonalds. The students that receives the first place our of all participating students will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee at Rock Island High School on the evening of March 24, 1997.

The 5th grade D.A.R.E. Culmination Program is planned for Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Deputy Marilyn Andrees of the Rock Island Sheriff Department will host the Celebration. The Hampton Police Department, School Board and School Officials are invited to attend the Graduation. A speaker from the State Police D.A.R.E. Program will address the students of Mrs. Maletta's class in "Saying NO !!!! to Drugs and Violence.

The 8th grade class is planning a trip to Chicago as a culminating educational experience. They plan to visit the museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium and Brookfield Zoo. The trip will be a learning experience as well as a time to relax, laugh and enjoy the company of their classmates. To support and fund this trip the 8th grade will be selling Club's Choice food items starting on February 21, 1997. Please help support the 8th Grade realize their goal with this fund raising activity .



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March - School Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Hamburger On Bun Potato Wedges Orange Cookie - Milk	5 United Methodist Women	6 Tacos Carrot Sticks Fruited Gelatin Snack Cake - Milk	7 Macaroni & Cheese Green beans Peach Fruit Cup Bread & Margarine - Milk
10 Chicken Fingers Baked Potato Tropical Fruit Bread & Margaine - Milk	11 Turkey Salad Sandwich Coleslaw Peach Cup Cookie - Milk	12 P. T. A.	13 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Crisp Garlic Bread - Milk	14 Fish Square on Bun Oven Fries Baby Carrots Pears - Milk
17 Maid Rite on Bun Potato Halves Seasoned Green Beans Apricots - Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Potato Salad Peas & carrots Applesauce - Milk	19 United Methodist Women	20 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Corn Bread & Margarine - Milk	21 Fish Sticks Pasta Salad Mixed Fruit Cookie - Milk
24 Grilled Chicken on Bun Tater Rounds Baby Carrots Frosted Cake - Milk	25 Ham Salad Sandwich Green Beans Peach Slices Bread & Margarine - Milk	26 P. T. A.	27 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Sliced Tomatoes Fruit Salad - Milk	28 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Pineapple Chunks Rice Pudding - Milk

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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2	3	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7	8	
				Youth Committee 7:30 PM	Garbage & Recycling Pick up			
9	10	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14	15	
	Village Board 7:00 PM	School Board 7:00 PM				Garbage & Recycling Pick up		
16	ST Patrick's Day	17	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21	22
						Garbage & Recycling Pick up		HYC Softball Sign Up
Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 - 11 AM	23	24	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	25	26	27	28	29
	Village Board 7:00 PM					Garbage Recycling Pickup		
Easter	30	31						
								

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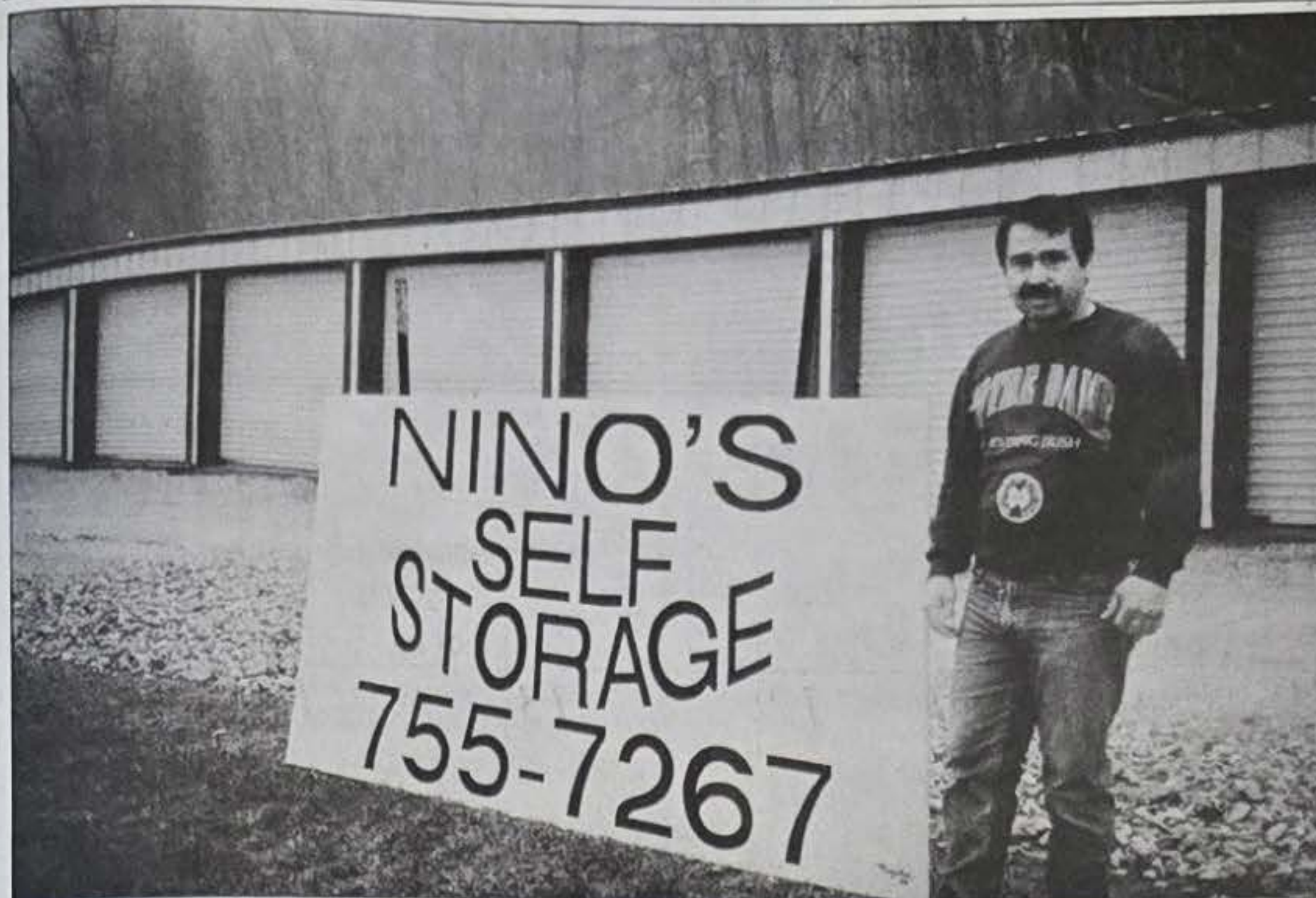
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Richard Nino stands next to the sign that will soon be permanently mounted at the self-storage garages. (Photo by M. Vandieren)

Nino Opens Self Storage

By Michaela VanDieren

Nino's Self-Storage, located on IL Rt. 84 in Hampton, is owned by Richard and Kathy Nino. Construction began in late October. The shell was erected by Wickes Building, and the Ninos with the help of family and friends were able to complete it by late December. Presently, one-fourth of the twenty units are rented. The Ninos plan to rent seventeen units by the month and keep three for short term rentals. For example, short term rentals could be for weekends or a couple of days when someone waits for an apartment. Perhaps, a weekend

rental could even be used for a yard sale. There are three different size units available. The access to the units is gravel, but it will eventually be blacktop. Customers phone Ninos for rental information. Richard Nino decided to build the storage units as an investment. He believes the Hampton area is large enough to support two self-storage businesses.

Richard Nino, retired from a labor union at Cordova's Power Plant, likes to stay busy. He works odd jobs to remain active and this venture will just give him one more job to do.

Richard and Kathy Nino, Hampton residents for eighteen years, have five children: Maria 16, Michelle 14, Jacquelyn 12, Kristina 8, and Ricky 11. This school year, Ricky is attending an all boys Catholic School in Mexico.

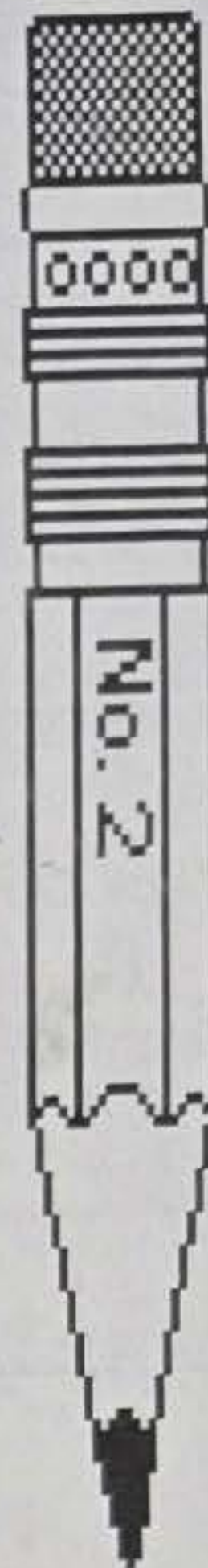
In another business venture of the Ninos, the previous Post Office is now vacant. The Post Office had been renting it from the Nino family. Richard Nino would like to see another business located there. Perhaps an insurance office, beauty shop, barber shop or other venture will soon be located on Second Avenue.

Metrobank Receiving Facelift

By Michaela VanDieren

Metrobank began renovations in December. The exterior received a new roof, stucco, painting, and new windows to enhance the appearance. The windows are more energy efficient. Interior work is progressing on schedule, reported Linda Toohey, teller supervisor. She explained new furniture and wallpaper will soon be in place. She added, "Remember, change is good!" The customers and staff are able to function well during the remodeling. A spring open house is planned, however, no date has been set yet.

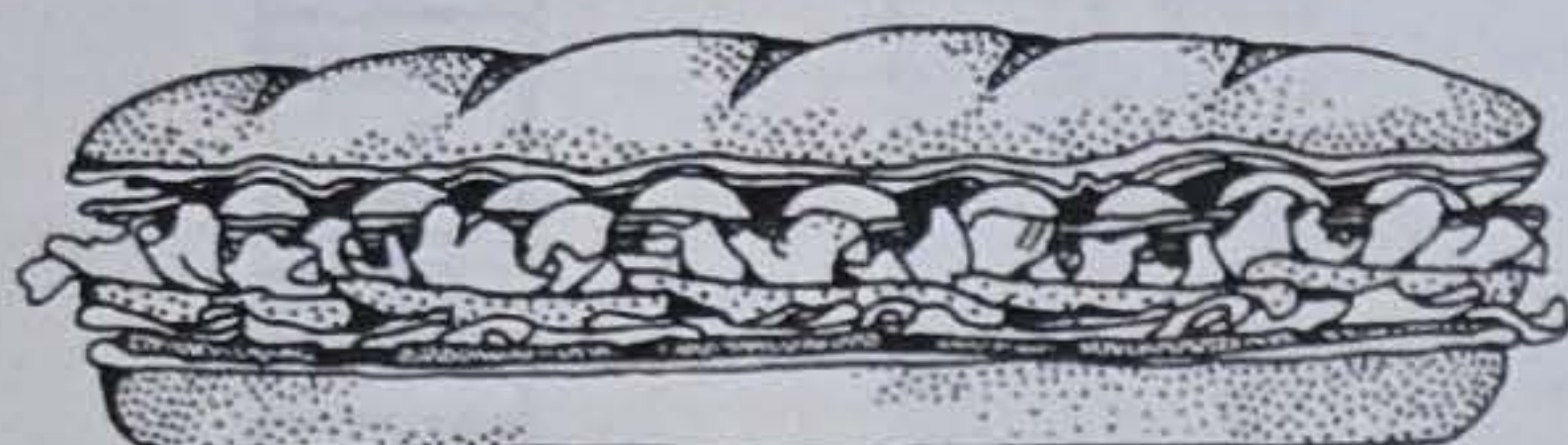
Left: Metrobank sports a new look with its same quality service. (Photo by M. VanDieren)



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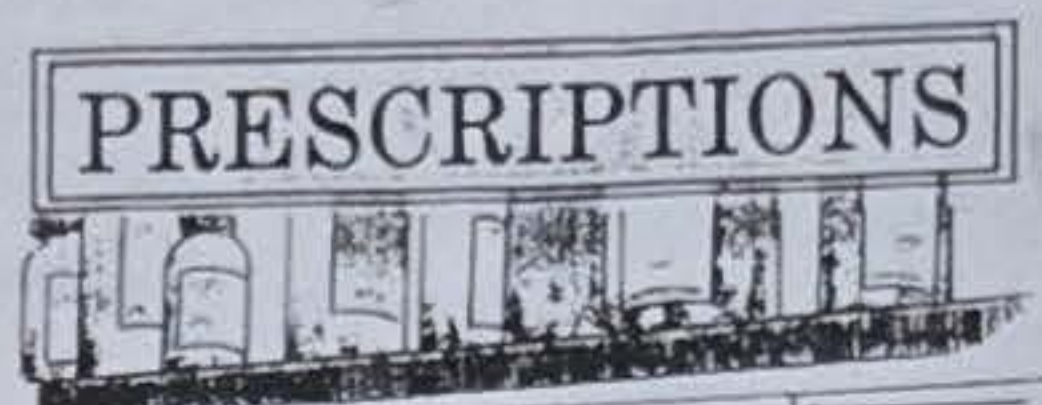
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